

# The Trapper's Express

A Monthly Publication for the Citizens of Fort Lupton City of Fort Lupton's September 2014 Newsletter

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## "Fort Lupton is an open canvas, come paint your future with us"

## **Lost & Found**

Occasionally items are found throughout town and are turned in to the Fort Lupton Police Department. If you have lost an item please call 303-857-4011 to see if it has been turned in.

## LAWN SPRINKLER WINTERIZATION

The Colorado Environmental Protection Agency (CEPA) requires every water supplier to develop and implement a comprehensive cross connection control program for the elimination of existing cross connections and prevention or protection from all future cross connections on potable drinking water systems.

Backflow preventers may be found at any number of locations on your water systems. Typically, commercial & industrial customers will have backflow preventers just after the water meter and also on wet fire protection systems. They may also have lawn irrigation systems or other water connections throughout their facilities that require backflow protection.

Residential backflow preventers may be found on lawn irrigation systems, wet fire protection systems, hot water heating (boiler) systems, swimming pool fills, water features, etc. Backflow preventers may also be required if there is another water source on the site such as a well, pond, river, etc.

Note that lawn sprinkler systems will be getting winterized soon. If your backflow preventer is located outdoors, remember to remove and store it someplace warm for the winter. Allowing it to freeze is a costly mistake. Remember where you stored it, as you will need to give the backflow preventer to your lawn irrigation contractor or plumber next spring to re-install it. Colorado Plumbing Code requires that your backflow preventer be tested immediately upon re-installation of your backflow preventer every season. Annual tests must be performed by a certified tester and be submitted to the city's contractor of Aqua Backflow for compliance.

If you have or require backflow protection, you may be notified for compliance (testing, repairs, installations, inspections, or surveys) by Aqua Backflow, Fort Lupton's backflow management firm. Questions can be directed to Aqua Backflow locally at 847-742-2296.

The Fort Lupton Cross Connection Control Program is designed to safeguard public health. We ask for your cooperation with our program, its enforcement, and any requests for information that come from Aqua Backflow or City Utility staff.

## **Police Blotter**

On August 23, I had the honor of making the commencement speech for the 2014 Fort Lupton PASO graduation. PASO is a United Way program which instructs family, friends, and neighbors that care for Hispanic preschool children to teach them their letters, colors, and sounds prior to beginning kindergarten. This program also gives these providers additional knowledge regarding child health, nutrition, and childhood issues. Monolingual Hispanic youth are at a distinct disadvantage when beginning kindergarten if they have to learn these topics as well as English. Studies have shown that if a child cannot read by the time they reach third grade, their likelihood of graduating high school is greatly reduced. Participants in the PASO program spend 18 months meeting two Saturdays a month learning the concepts and teaching strategies. At the end of the program, these participants can attend Aims Community College and finish an Associates Degree in another six months.

I know that our school board has been working diligently to increase the educational scores in our schools. This is just one more avenue to make our children successful in life. If you have questions about this fantastic program, please give me a call at 303-857-4011.



One additional note for all of you: On October 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm, the Odd Fellows Organization will be celebrating their 113th year as a group in Fort Lupton and the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of their building. The Chamber of Commerce, along with the City of Fort Lupton, will be honoring them with a ribbon cutting at 709 3rd Street. Refreshments will be served. Please plan on attending this great community event, their building is something worth seeing.

As Always, At Your Service

City of Fort Lupton September 2014 Page 2 www.fortlupton.org Phone: 303-857-6694

After Hours Utility Emergencies: 303-994-3540 Police Station: 303-857-4011 Weld County Dispatch: 720-652-4222 Emergency: 911

## YOUTH REC CENTER ACTIVITES

## **Drop in Child Care**

Monday thru Thursday from 8:30am - 11:00am and Tuesday & Thursday from 6:00pm—8:15pm. FREE for those with a monthly, quarterly or annual membership OR \$1.50 per 30 minutes/ child. 2 hour maximum.

#### **Dance Classes**

Legacy School of Dance is excited to partner with the Ft Lupton Recreation Center in bringing quality dance instruction to the community. New, fun classes; school-year-long program; spring recital; combo classes include ballet, tap & jazz; structured, gradual curriculum for each class. For class descriptions and more information, stop by the Recreation Center or contact Alexa Dance 970-217-5906 Legacy or email legacydance02@gmail.com

#### **Preschool Enrichment**

The Recreation Center preschool enrichment program still has openings for the 3 year old preschool class. Please call Julie at 720-466-6163 for more information or visit our website at www.fortlupton.org.

## Apple Day

October 10, 7am-Noon. Come and join us for the first ever Apple Days at the Active Adults Center. We will be making Monty's family's apple butter recipe throughout the day. A free pancake breakfast will kick off the event starting at 7am. Bingo will run from 9am until 10am. Entertainment and a bake sale will be 10am to noon with the serving of the apple butter. Make sure you take home a small sample. This activity is free but donations are accepted.

UPCOMING 2014 UTILITY BILLING DATES	
10/01 LATE NOTICES SENT	11/03 LATE NOTICES SENT
10/16 SHUT OFF	11/19 BILL DUE DATE
10/20 BILL DUE DATE	11/20 SHUT OFF
10/27 NEW BILLS MAILED	11/26 NEW BILLS MAILED



### BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IN FORT LUPTON

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the efforts to bring a Boys & Girls Club to Fort Lupton, please BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS contact Gerri Holton at 303-857-1000 or



Georgiaraemart@hotmail.com. This is an excellent organization and we need community support!

## **ACTIVE ADULTS CALENDAR**

Active Adults over 60 are invited to a weekly luncheon held on Mondays, 11am - 1pm. Call 303-857-4200 by the previous Thursday for required reservations. Donation is \$3 per person. We play bingo the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month after lunch.

Rowdy Bunch Coffee - Wednesdays 7:30am to 9:30am in the senior lounge. We enjoy donuts, fruit and laughter. No charge.

Blood Pressure Checks— 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, the firemen / paramedics come and give guick blood pressure checks.

**Dime Bingo** - 2nd and 4th Monday at 1pm Nine games -bring 10 dimes and a nickel.

Mah-Jongg - 1pm on the 1st and 3rd Mondays, and 2pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays (after bingo) in the Senior Lounge.

**Potluck Luncheon**—3rd Thursday at noon in the multipurpose room. Free with donations accepted.

Friday Snack-n-Chat— 2nd and 4th Friday of the month 1-3pm. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Watch the Senior Bulletin Board for guest speakers that may come. No reservations needed, please drop in and say "Hi".

Book Discussion Group- A casual meeting of avid readers on the last Thursday of each month from 11:30am to 12:30pm. No registration required.

#### **Casino Trips:**

October 14 - Reserve Casino- 8:30am-4:30pm, \$15 fee

#### **Active Adult Trips:**

October 8—Elk Bugling 3pm. Register by Oct 6th. \$5 fee.

October 16— Second Home Kitchen & Bar 7:30am. Register by Oct 14. \$3-8 Fee plus Breakfast.

October 17—Mile High Thrift Store & Pepper Pod 8:30am. Register by Oct 15. \$5-10 Fee plus lunch.

October 23—Candlelight Theater: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers 4:30pm. Register by Oct 13. \$53-58 Fee.

Please call 303-857-4200 if you have any questions about the Active Adults events & activities. Reservations are required unless